## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a costeffective strategy to meet county needs; and

WHEREAS, participants in Senior Corps' Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) help address the most pressing challenges facing our community and our nation, from supporting students to transporting veterans to feeding the hungry; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps' RSVP participants serve in locations across the country, including 70 RSVP Partners in Centre County, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 800 RSVP participants aged 55 and better of all backgrounds serve in Centre County, PA, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; including a volunteer service wage value in 2015 of more than \$1,223,000 for more than 67,000 hours of service in Centre County, PA; and

WHEREAS, RSVP volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by generously sharing the accumulated skills and experience from their life's work;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 5, 2016 as "National Service Recognition Day" and encourages citizens to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community and thank those who serve.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

Denise L. Elbell, Acting Administrator